

ABSTRACT

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Horst House

1856

Leitersburg Vicinity

Private

This mid-19th century brick farmhouse bearing a tablet inscribed with the date 1856 and the names Christian and Leah Horst provides an excellent record of vernacular architecture of the period. Evidence in the masonry suggests that this house had a recessed double porch along part of its front elevation, a feature associated with many mid-19th century houses in Washington County.

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District 9
Map 12
Parcel 1

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON: Mid 19th Century Brick House					
AND/OR HISTORIC: Horst House					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: Miller's Church Road, about 1/2 mile east of Leitersburg-State Line Rd.					
CITY OR TOWN: Leitersburg Vicinity					
STATE Maryland			COUNTY: Washington		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No					
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
Comments _____					
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: Henry K. Moyer					
STREET AND NUMBER: Route # 8					
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown			STATE: Maryland		21740
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Washington County Court House					
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street					
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown			STATE: Maryland		21740
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 368/26					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Historical Trust Survey # 3068					
DATE OF SURVEY: Summer 1967 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust					
STREET AND NUMBER: 21 State Circle					
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis			STATE: Maryland		21401

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>(Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered < 50% <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered </div> <div>(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>This house is located about one half mile east of the Leitersburg-State Line Road, north of Leitersburg and just south of the Mason-Dixon Line in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on relatively high ground and faces south.</p> <p>The structure is a two story, five bay brick dwelling set on low field-stone foundations. Seams in the masonry flanking the two eastern bays of the front elevation suggest that a recessed double porch at that location has been enclosed. Common bond brickwork is in evidence at all elevations except where the modern all-stretcher work is present. Flat brick arches are present over the main story windows. Set in the east gable wall is a rectangular tablet inscribed with the names Christian and Leah Horst and the date 1856.</p> <p>Windows have six over six pane double hung sashes held within narrow frames finished with a bead at the inside edge. Most are flanked with paneled shutters at the lower story while louvered shutters are present at the upper level windows.</p> <p>Entrances are located in the second and third bays from the east end of the front or south elevation. Both display similar treatment with plain transoms over the doors. The original entrance would appear to be that which was constructed into the center bay of the facade wall while that to its east seems to have been moved forward when the recessed porch was enclosed. The doors have six elongated panels and are flanked with matching jambs.</p> <p>A one story porch extends along the front elevation supported by chamfered square posts, between which runs a decorative cutwork balustrade. Another porch extends along the east wall.</p> <p>The roof is covered with asphalt shingles, and extends beyond the end walls. Boxing with a course of molding finishes the eaves. A brick chimney with a corbel at its top is located inside the west gable end.</p> <p>The house is in excellent condition. It is located on a farm which includes 126.31 acres of land in Maryland. Along with the house, the building complex consists of a large frame bank barn and other buildings related to agricultural use.</p>	

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

Datestone: Christian & Leah Horst 1856

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The area of significance of this house is its architecture. Dated 1856 with the names of its builders inscribed on the tablet in its gable wall, this house provides a well documented example of mid-19th century architecture in Washington County. The eastern two bays of the front elevation of this house were apparently recessed beneath a double porch. Houses with a recessed double porch extending along part of the front elevation form a major architectural group in Washington County, with most examples dating from the middle third of the 19th century.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Author	
2. Title	
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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	0	'	"		0	'	"	
NE	0	'	"		0	'	"	
SE	0	'	"		0	'	"	
SW	0	'	"		0	'	"	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NDMINATED PROPERTY: 126.31 acres.

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE: Pennsylvania

COUNTY: Franklin

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant		DATE October 1975
ORGANIZATION Washington County Historical Sites Survey		
STREET AND NUMBER: Court House Annex		
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE Maryland	

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

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690 000 FEET
(MD.)

PENNSYLVANIA
MARYLAND

FRANKLIN CO
WASHINGTON CO

Flagerstown PA 4th quadrant

42°30"

LEITERSBURG 0.1 MI.
WAYNESBORO, PA. 5.2 MI.
(SMITHSBURG)
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